Land Revenue Administration

Proposal for the abolition of certain revenue and taluk divisions in Salem district.

* 550 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDAR:—" Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any proposals for the abolition of some revenue divisions and taluks in the Salem district owing to retrenchment; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The proposals are—

(1) to convert the Rasipur taluk into a sub-taluk attached to Namakkal taluk;

(2) to place the Mettur taluk in charge of an Independent Deputy Tahsildar; and

(3) to abolish the Denkanikotta sub-taluk.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDAR:—" May I know whether there is any proposal to abolish the Sankari division? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" I do not think there is."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" What will be the savings effected by these proposals? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" I must ask for notice of the question."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I ask whether these proposals are carried out with a view to effect retrenchment only or for administrative reasons? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" Retrenchment is the primary cause."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" What is the secondary cause? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" We have got to save money where we can. We are able to do so in this particular district."

Pay and prospects of the Copyist Establishment.

* 551 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: With reference to the answer given to my questions No. 449, dated 27th February 1931 and No. 645, dated the 18th March 1931, and the statement laid on the table of the House on the 4th August 1931, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any year in which the expenditure incurred on account of the copyists and copyist examiners was not covered by the receipts;

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(*b*) if the receipts have exceeded the expenditure, the average surplus per year; and

(*c*) whether they propose to make the copyists and copyist examiners permanent?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information other than that contained in the statement which was laid on the table on 4th August 1931.

(*c*) No.

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"In view of the fact that the receipts of the Copyist establishment have always exceeded the expenditure, as seen from the statement laid on the table of the House on the 4th August, and in view of the fact that there has always been a surplus, may I know whether the Government will be pleased to distribute the surplus of each office to the copyist of that office?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I do not think we can consider proposals of that sort for further expenditure in the present financial stringency."

Number of Sardars, Naiks and Paiks in the Ghumsur division.

* 552 *Q.*—Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the total number of (i) Sardars, (ii) Naiks and (iii) Paiks in the Ghumsur division of the Ganjam district is;

(*b*) what the duties performed by the Sardars, the Naiks and the Paiks of Ghumsur division in Ganjam, respectively, are;

(*c*) whether the said functionaries discharge their duties invariably in person or whether they are allowed to make money contributions so as to enable the Tahsildars to employ substitutes;

(*d*) the period for which a Paik, a Naik or a Sardar is required to render service during a year;

(*e*) how many of them render personal service and how many of them are allowed to contribute 'Pali' money;

(*f*) why or in what circumstances permission to pay 'Pali' money is granted; and

(*g*) whether the Government ever sanctioned the receipt of 'Pali' money and the employment of substitutes for Paiks or Naiks or Sardars?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to page 6 of the Ganjam District Manual. The services of the Paiks are now generally utilized by the officers of the Forest, Revenue, Public Works and Police departments in carrying tapal and messages, guarding camps, escorting carts, and so forth. The Paiks also generally escort Government officers on tour. The Government have no other information.

(*c*) *to* (*g*) The Government have no information.